



Clallam Conservation District

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MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting August 1, 2006

Minutes typed August 1, 2006 by Meghan Peacock

Supervisors Present: Bob Forde, Don Hatler, Nash Huber, Joe Murray, Ben Smith

Associate Supervisors Present: Steve Johnson, Nancy Newman

Staff Present: Joe Holtrop, District Manager; Janell Kiphart, Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Coyle-Bond, Conservation Planner; Meghan Peacock, Conservation Planner; Clea Rome, Conservation Planner; Laurie Yarnes, Engineering Technician

Others present: none

Joe Murray called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Forde moved to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2006 meeting. Don Hatler seconded. Motion approved.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Meghan Peacock – Meghan and Jennifer Coyle-Bond met with the Duck Club at Norma Marshall's old barns and provided them with a list of suggested livestock management practices if they lease or sell the buildings to a 4-H Club. Ken and Louise Sadilek won the American River Steward Award through Department of Ecology (DOE) that we nominated them for in February. The Lyndes Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP) culvert replacement may be postponed until next year. The Clallam County Fair is August 17 to 20 and staff asked that the Board volunteer for a four hour shift at the District booth to make leaf rubs with fairgoers.

Laurie Yarnes – Work on Phase 2 of the Clallam-Cline Combo project is mostly finished. The ditch piping at Maple View Dairy should be complete in the next couple of days and will hook up to the mycoremediation site. Plans are done for the Ecotrust FFFPP bridge and culvert replacement, bid documents will be pulled together soon.

Clea Rome – Clea and Joe Holtrop attended a facilitation training put on by the Commission. They both felt it was a very useful training. The public workshop for the Three Crabs area put on by Brian Collins from the University of Washington was well attended. The second presentation will be August 22 with Jim Johaneson from Coastal Geologic Services. The next step in the Three Crabs project is to hold a second workgroup meeting in September to specifically formulate a sub-committee on the flooding issue. By 2008 there will be an action plan with a prioritized list of funding needs.

Jennifer Coyle-Bond – Provided technical assistance for Violet Ferguson in Joyce on wildlife habitat and pond restoration; finished Karen and David Walter's plans for heavy use area protection; and visited Carla and John Morton for a potential Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) sign-up. She and Meghan Peacock finished developing a list of high priority farms in the West End, identifying a total of 93 farms. Farms were identified as high priority based on access to waterways and manure and pasture management. Once the farm inventory for the East end of the County is finished she and Meghan will begin contacting farms and conducting BMP workshops.

Joe Holtrop – Clallam County gave the District an additional \$5,000 to use as match on the Three Crabs grant. All the Irrigation Efficiencies Program (IEP) cost-share change requests the District submitted to the Conservation Commission approved were approved. The maximum cost share per cfs saved goes up from \$400,000 to \$500,000, the maximum total project cost goes up from \$312,500 to \$400,000, and the maximum cost per acre served goes up from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Of the \$1.5 million grant for irrigation water conservation awarded by Ecology to the District, \$600,000 was designated for the Clallam-Cline project and \$900,000 was for the Dungeness Irrigation District. However, the Dungeness District is not moving ahead so the Water Users Association may give all the funding to the Clallam-Cline project. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) agreed to cover the cost of the USDA background check except for the cost of fingerprinting.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Reports – None; however, Joe Holtrop reported that Steve Nissley with NRCS requested that the District attend the local workgroup meeting at the end of August.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Forde moved to approve the July financial report and approve for payment those checks described as 6024 to 6050 in the total amount of \$404,605.96. Ben Smith seconded. Motion approved.

Announcements/Public Comment – Streamfest is on September 10.

Grants Committee – Joe Holtrop reported that staff put in a pre-proposal with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for over \$600,000 to help complete the Clallam-Cline Irrigation Piping Project. There is three-quarters of a million dollars available for the North Olympic Peninsula Lead entity, so they asked that we lower the funding request.

OLD BUSINESS

Cost-Sharing Policy on Wells – Staff suggested that a policy on cost-sharing on wells for stock watering may need to be developed. There have been a couple of situations that have arisen with landowners that need stock watering and wells have been the most feasible solution. Discussion followed on possibly setting a maximum cost-share amount that would be comparable to alternative means of providing water. If a well has to be dug deeper or a location changed that a landowner would have to pay any extra costs to get the water. It was decided that livestock wells need to be looked at by the Board on a case-by-case basis, but that household wells will not be eligible for cost-share.

Public Disclosure Policy for Conservation Plans – Joe Holtrop reported that legislation exempted farm plans from public disclosure laws. The Commission advised that Districts should revise their policies. The District has postponed preparing a policy until the Commission could provide an example. An example has not yet been provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement with Clallam County to Conduct Farm Inventory – Clallam County has offered to give the District \$6,000 to complete the farm inventory East of Morse Creek. They need the data to look at the amount of agriculture in the County.

Don Hatler moved to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Clallam County to conduct the farm inventory. Ben Smith seconded. Motion approved.

Personal Services Agreement with Jim Johannessen – The agreement would include a field consultation during the day then a presentation in the evening not to exceed a total amount of \$1,700.

Ben Smith moved to enter into the personal services agreement with Jim Johannessen. Nash Huber seconded. Motion approved.

Cooperator Agreements and Cost-Share Applications

Cost-Share Application: Helen Haller Elementary School – Joe Holtrop reported that Primo Construction donated their labor and equipment to install roof runoff system as part of the school rain garden, so no cost-share application was needed.

Cooperator Agreement: Carla & John Morton – Jennifer Coyle-Bond requested that Carla and John Morton be approved as a District Cooperators. They have 12 acres on Cassalery Creek and are interested in enrolling in CREP.

Nash Huber moved to approve the cooperator agreement with Carla and John Morton. Ben Smith seconded. Motion approved.

Review of Official Actions of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.